

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A crosstie made substantially from recycled rubber

~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

10-35% by weight recycled rubber from natural rubber tires;

65-90% recycled vulcanized rubber; and,

a strength enhancing polymer of no more than 5% by weight selected from the group consisting of neoprene, polyethylene, urethane and ABS.

Claim 2 -7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended). A crosstie ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

an extruded product made from a blend of recycled natural crumb rubber and recycled vulcanized crumb rubber where 10-35% of the crosstie weight is recycled natural rubber, 65-90% of the crosstie weight is recycled vulcanized rubber and no more than 5% of the crosstie weight is a strength enhancing polymer selected from the group consisting of neoprene, polyethylene, urethane and ABS ~~accounts for no more than 5% of the crosstie weight.~~

Claim 9 (canceled).